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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

SUBJECT : Stenowriter/Machine Translation
Project

REFERENCE : Memo to Actg Compt fr Asst Dir,
Computer Services dtd 24 Sept 63,
Same Subj

1. I have concurred in the reference memo and am forwarding it to you for your review prior to transmitting it back to the Assistant Director, Computer Services. You will observe that the memo has been approved by the DD/S&T and the DD/I.

2. I have concurred in the issuance of a letter of intent to IBM rather than ITEK because there is a very small difference in the cost to the Agency between the two proposals. The proposal by ITEK is slightly cheaper, however, I feel that in view of the fact that there is not a great difference I would prefer to rely upon the judgment of the Assistant Director of Computer Services in determining which of the two companies will best serve the Agency, taking everything into consideration.

3. I know that you have been interested in the outcome of this proposal. Also, I believe that you are aware of the fact that John Bross has been considerably involved in trying to arrive at a fair determination. For your information there is attached a memo written to me from John Bross dated 10 September 1963 on this subject. You will observe in the last paragraph of his memo that he is of the opinion that the problem should be handled through the normal project approval system, however, John Clarke and myself are of the opinion that this does not require DDCI approval since the funds were budgeted for in the 1964 budget and it seems to us that the decision to be made is which company we should assign the lease to.

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4. The only other point I would like to make to you is that I have heard General Carter state on several occasions that we are no longer in the machine translation development business. I believe he had reference to our having concluded the expensive arrangement with Georgetown University in this regard and that he would have no objection to entering into a lease with IBM for the stenewriter/machine translation equipment. You may, however, wish to check this out further with him.

H. H. FUCHS
Acting Comptroller

Attachments

Orig. returned to Comptroller with attachments with notation by Executive Director, "O.K. as proposed. I have advised DDCI." /s/LBK

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